HELMERICH & PAYNE INC

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HELMERICH HANS (Last) (First) (Middle)		ng Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HELMERICH & PAYNE INC [HP]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
1437 SOUTH	BOULDER	AVE.	(Month/Day/Year) 05/09/2006	X Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) President & CEO			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
TULSA, OK 7	4119		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tal	ole I - Non-	Derivative :	Securi	ities Acquire	ed, Disposed of, o	or Beneficially	Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securitie orDisposed o (Instr. 3, 4	f (D)	uired (A) or	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	05/09/2006		Code V M	Amount 118,260	(D)	Price \$ 28.0394	(Instr. 3 and 4) 359,540	D (1)	
Common Stock	05/09/2006		F	74,063	D	\$ 78.27	285,477	D (1)	
Common Stock	05/10/2006		S	200	D	\$ 78.98	285,277	D (1)	
Common Stock	05/10/2006		S	800	D	\$ 78.95	284,477	D (1)	
Common Stock	05/10/2006		S	400	D	\$ 78.94	284,077	D (1)	

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Common Stock	05/10/2006	S	2,500	D	\$ 78.91	281,577	D (1)
Common Stock	05/10/2006	S	1,100	D	\$ 78.9	280,477	D (1)
Common Stock	05/10/2006	S	1,300	D	\$ 78.89	279,177	D (1)
Common Stock	05/10/2006	S	400	D	\$ 78.87	278,777	D (1)
Common Stock	05/10/2006	S	1,700	D	\$ 78.86	277,077	D (1)
Common Stock	05/10/2006	S	800	D	\$ 78.85	276,277	D (1)
Common Stock	05/10/2006	S	900	D	\$ 78.84	275,377	D (1)
Common Stock	05/10/2006	S	800	D	\$ 78.82	274,577	D (1)
Common Stock	05/10/2006	S	800	D	\$ 78.81	273,777	D (1)
Common Stock	05/10/2006	S	600	D	\$ 78.8	273,177	D (1)
Common Stock	05/10/2006	S	400	D	\$ 78.78	272,777	D (1)
Common Stock	05/10/2006	S	1,200	D	\$ 78.77	271,577	D (1)
Common Stock	05/10/2006	S	400	D	\$ 78.74	271,177	D (1)
Common Stock	05/10/2006	S	700	D	\$ 78.72	270,477	D (1)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	orDerivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securitie
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or		
	Derivative				Disposed of (D)		
	Security				(Instr. 3, 4, and		
	•				5)		

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			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amous Numb Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.0394	05/09/2006	M			118,260	12/03/1998(2)	12/03/2007	Common Stock	118,2

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HELMERICH HANS
1437 SOUTH BOULDER AVE. X President & CEO
TULSA, OK 74119

Signatures

/s/ Jonathan M. Cinocca, by Power of Attorney for Hans
Helmerich

05/11/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

The amount of securities reported following the transaction includes the following: 10,831 shares held indirectly in the reporting person's (1) 401(k) account; 16,800 shares held indirectly as trustee for various accounts where beneficial ownership is denied; and 17,310 shares held indirectly -- beneficial ownership is denied as such shares are owned directly by the reporting person's spouse.

These options were granted under the Helmerich & Payne, Inc. 1996 Stock Incentive Plan on 12/3/97 at an exercise price of \$38.8438,

(2) becoming \$28.0394 post-spinoff. These options vested over four years in 25% increments. The noted dated represents the first date options vested.

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